



**City of Sunnyvale
Department of Parks & Recreation
Parks Division
INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN**



ORNAMENTAL WATER FEATURES IN NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Many park visitors have asked questions regarding water features in Sunnyvale parks. This Informational Bulletin is provided to answer the most common questions. There are two types of water features in our parks: ornamental ponds/streams and water play features. Following is information that may assist you in this topic.

Ornamental Ponds/Streams

These are located at Braly Park, Las Palmas Park, Serra Park and the Community Center. Due to budgetary constraints in California and locally in Sunnyvale, the City has found the need to decrease service levels. Many services, such as ornamental water features, are provided for aesthetic or beautification purposes and are not health/safety or utilitarian in purpose. So, funding for these aesthetic elements was decreased to help provide funding in other services including those for youth, seniors and economically challenged. Due to the nature of the property and the broader community focus, the ponds at the Community Center will remain filled and in service on a year-round basis. All ponds/streams at Braly, Las Palmas and Serra parks will be filled only during the months of June to September yearly. With additional direction from City Council, these features may be refilled year-round at some future date. **These features are not intended for human contact or play and “No Wading” signs are posted around the perimeter.**

Water Play Features

Water play features are located near the playgrounds at Braly, Serra, Las Palmas, Ortega, Lakewood and Fair Oaks parks. These features operate from April through October, use very little water and have no electrical pumping systems. All of these features remain available for use each day. However, due to the need to provide staffing at the Las Palmas Park water play feature, it is only available by permit and a fee is required. For more information or to secure a permit for the water play feature at Las Palmas Park, call (408) 730-7751. **These features are intended for interactive play. The water supply is potable and it is not recirculated to ensure that it is clean and acceptable for human contact.**

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